

WATER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AMENDMENTS

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill modifies the membership of the State Water Development Commission.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ modifies the membership of the State Water Development Commission; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

73-27-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 309

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **73-27-102** is amended to read:

73-27-102. State Water Development Commission created.

(1) The State Water Development Commission is created to determine the state's role in the protection, conservation, and development of the state's water resources.

(2) The commission membership shall include:

(a) five members of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than four of whom may be from the same political party;

(b) eight members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, no more than six of whom may be from the same political party; and

~~[(c) the state treasurer, who shall be a nonvoting member, and]~~

~~[(d)]~~ (c) the following nonvoting members, appointed by the governor:

~~[(i) two representatives of the Office of the Governor, including one representative~~

33 ~~from the Governor's Office of Management and Budget;]~~

34 ~~[(ii)]~~ (i) a representative of the Green River District;

35 ~~[(iii)]~~ (ii) a representative of the Upper Colorado River District;

36 ~~[(iv)]~~ (iii) a representative of the Lower Colorado River District;

37 ~~[(v)]~~ (iv) a representative of the Lower Sevier River District;

38 ~~[(vi)]~~ (v) a representative of the Upper Sevier River District;

39 ~~[(vii)]~~ (vi) a representative of the Provo River District;

40 ~~[(viii)]~~ (vii) a representative of the Salt Lake District;

41 ~~[(ix)]~~ (viii) a representative of the Weber River District;

42 ~~[(x)]~~ (ix) a representative of the Bear River District;

43 ~~[(xi) the executive director of the Department of Natural Resources;]~~

44 ~~[(xii) the executive director of the Department of Environmental Quality;]~~

45 ~~[(xiii) the commissioner of agriculture and food;]~~

46 ~~[(xiv) a member of the Board of Water Resources;]~~

47 ~~[(xv)]~~ (x) a representative of an organized environmental group;

48 ~~[(xvi)]~~ (xi) a representative of agricultural production; and

49 ~~[(xvii) a representative with experience in finance and economics.]~~

50 (xii) a representative of the governor's cabinet or the Office of the Governor.

51 (3) (a) Except as required by Subsection (3)(b), the members appointed by the governor
52 under Subsection (2)(d) shall be appointed or reappointed to a four-year term.

53 (b) The governor shall, at the time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length
54 of terms to ensure that the terms of board members are staggered so that approximately half of
55 the nonvoting members of the commission are appointed every two years.

56 (c) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the governor shall
57 appoint a replacement for the unexpired term.

58 (4) The president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives shall,
59 to the extent possible, appoint members under Subsections (2)(a) and (b) that represent both
60 rural and urban areas of the state.

61 (5) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed
62 under Subsection (2)(a) as a cochair of the commission.

63 (b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House

64 of Representatives appointed under Subsection (2)(b) as a cochair of the commission.

65 (6) Attendance by at least 50% of one legislative house and more than 50% of the other
66 legislative house constitutes a quorum.

67 (7) (a) Compensation and expenses of a member of the commission who is a legislator
68 are governed by Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Legislative Compensation
69 and Expenses.

70 (b) Commission members who are employees of the state shall receive no additional
71 compensation.

72 (c) Other commission members shall receive no compensation or expenses for their
73 service on the commission.

74 (8) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support
75 to the commission.

Legislative Review Note
Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel